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Attorney Taylor Addresses Drug Rumors

Harnessracing.com has received correspondence from attorney Howard Taylor, also a Standardbred owner, regarding a report published Thursday on Harnesslink.com regarding alleged positive tests incurred by trainers Ron Burke and Julie Miller in New York. While Taylor did not identify any trainer by name, he said he has been retained by several trainers whose horses recently had positive tests in New York.

In New York, as is the case in most jurisdictions, when a horse tests positive, the trainer of the horse is notified and the judges/stewards schedule a hearing. The judges/stewards do not issue a ruling or penalty until after the hearing.

"At this time, the (New York Gaming) Commission cannot confirm or deny any positive tests," said Lee Park, a spokesman for the commission.

Here is the text of Taylor's correspondence to harnessracing.com:

"In order to dispel the rumor regarding a recent rash of positive tests in New York State for the compound Glaucine, I have been asked to clarify this situation.

"I have been retained by several trainers who have horses in their care which have tested positive for a compound identified as Glaucine. We are currently cooperating with the New York Gaming Commission to investigate several potential sources of possible contamination and have found several common links between the parties charged.

"Glaucine is an alkaloid naturally present in several plant species. In 2012 there were Glaucine positives in several states. Fortunately, the various Racing Commissions were able to trace them back to a common source, which proved to be an environmental contaminant and the trainers were absolved of any charges.

"We remain hopeful that we will be able to identify the source of this contaminant and that my clients will be cleared of any possible charges."

HOWARD A. TAYLOR, ESQUIRE

(editor's note: Glaucine has been classified a Class 2 drug under the Racing Medication & Testing Consortium guidelines. It is also a drug that is used to treat asthma in humans and is considered a bronchodilator.)

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NJ Lawmakers Make Progress Toward Casinos Outside Of Atlantic City

A vote by a New Jersey Assembly committee on Monday shows growing momentum for allowing casino gaming in the state outside of Atlantic City.

New Jersey lawmakers are continuing to work on the details of permitting casino gaming outside of Atlantic City, if the state's voters agree by passing a referendum.

On Monday (Feb. 8) the state Assembly Judiciary Committee approved a resolution that is identical to a state Senate resolution that would permit casinos outside of Atlantic City. If both Assembly and Senate pass the resolutions by 60-plus percent margins by the end of March, a referendum would be placed on the November ballot.

One provision in the present resolution gives Atlantic City casino operators the right to bid before others, with bidders required to put forth a plan with a capital investment of at

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—Jeff Gural

least \$1 billion. Because of the requirement that Atlantic City operators be initial license holders, Meadowlands Racetrack owner Jeff Gural hopes to partner with an AC casino. Presently, the Atlantic City scene includes seven casinos, among them Borgota and Caesar's, with five casino operators.

"I think this will be on the ballot in November, and hopefully it passes, and I don't think we'll have any prob-

lem finding a partner to put a casino at the Meadowlands," Gural told HarnessRacing Weekend Preview. "And when that happens, I believe that we'll be able to have the highest purses in the country again and we will restore the Meadowlands to the place it had in the industry before the casino purse supplement was taken away about five years ago."

While the Assembly Judiciary Committee approved a resolution, lawmakers are still working on determining a tax rate for the North Jersey casino. When the tax rate is determined, lawmakers will then discuss how much to devote to support redevelopment for Atlantic City, which is a key component of the initiative.

Thus far, lawmakers have said the horse racing industry will receive two percent of gaming revenues.

Here are other components as per a press release issued by the New Jersey Assembly:

A constitutional amendment would allow the legislature to pass laws to permit the establishment and operation of casinos in two counties other than Atlantic City in the state. No more than two casinos would be permitted and only one casino in each of the two counties would be permitted. Each casino is to be located in a municipality that is at least 72 miles from Atlantic City.

A principal owner would mean any person who, directly or indirectly, owns 50 percent or more of a holder

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Friday, February 12

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9:50p Wdb8 **The Count B Pace**

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Saturday, February 13

7:50p Wdb2 **Ontario Boys Pace**

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8:50p YR6 **Open Trot**

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9:02p M8 **Conditioned Pace**

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of a New Jersey casino license that was operating a casino which was conducting gambling as of the date of passage.

The law will determine the location and type of casinos and of the gambling games which may be conducted.—

By Kathy Parker

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Tetrick Optimistic With Rockeyed Optimist

With his victory behind Duneside Chella in Race 14 at Dover Downs on Tuesday night, Tim Tetrick, 34, became the youngest driver to post 9,000 career victories, surpassing Walter Case Jr., who was 39 when he reached the milestone in 2000.

"It feels pretty good," Tetrick told Weekend Preview. "It's a pretty good fete and a lot of hard work. I've been doing this a long time and luckily I've been fortunate not having too many injuries, and that makes a big difference."

Tetrick, who began driving in 1998 (his lone win in 20 starts that year came with Travel'n Legacy, a 3-year-old filly pacer he also trained at the time in 2:06.4 at Paris, Ill.), has now climbed into the sulky more than 46,250 times over his career. He won a record 1,189 races in 2007, and his current total places him 18th on the all-time list. He led the earnings standings every year from 2007-2013 (including a record \$19.73 million in 2008), and his current total of \$165.3 million ranks him sixth in the all-time standings.

At his current win pace, Tetrick would top the 10,000 mark sometime in late 2017. Already on his way to the five-digit mark, one horse Tetrick can hopefully add to his win column on Saturday night is Rockeyed Optimist, who makes his second start of the year in a \$20,000 conditioned pace at the Meadowlands.

Tetrick is very familiar with the 5-year-old Rockeyed Optimist, a son of Rocknroll Hanover trained by Steve Elliott. Rockeyed Optimist has 15 wins in 35 career starts with \$274,795 in earnings, with Tetrick scoring nine times in 17 drives. Tetrick's victories include a sweep of last year's

Clyde Hirt Series at the Meadowlands, including the \$59,000 final, as well as a pair of legs of the Graduate Series (in 1:48 and 1:48.1).

Following a ninth-place finish in an Open Pace at The Downs at Mohegan Sun at Pocono last Sept. 19, Elliott gave the pacer some time off. Rockeyed Optimist returned for a pair of late-January qualifiers, where he finished fourth and second. In his Feb. 6 debut, Rockeyed Optimist rallied from 7 ½ lengths behind in sixth at the half—including a final quarter of :26.1—to finish second by a neck to the Brett

"He's fresh and I think every start he'll get better."

—Tim Tetrick about
Rockeyed Optimist

Miller-driven Ashley's Husband in 1:50.3.

"He was very good both qualifiers and he's just a good horse," said Tetrick. "He loves to finish. He is very professional and drives like

a Cadillac. His last couple starts last year he was pretty tired as he had a lot of hard miles in him. Now he's fresh and I think every start he'll get better."

Rockeyed Optimist will start from post 7 on Saturday night, and included among his seven rivals are Limelight Beach, the 2013 Little Brown Jug winner who is making his 5-year-old debut in post 8, and Ashley's Husband, his nemesis from last week who starts from post 2. Tetrick said he made a prediction to driver Miller after they crossed the finish line in last weekend's match-up.

"I picked off Ashley's Husband last week and Brett beat me at the wire," said Tetrick. "I told him, 'You beat me this week but you won't beat me next week.' He said, 'I know, I know.'" —By Gordon Waterstone

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Three-year-old filly trot.
Purse \$150,000 E (\$75,000 A).

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Four-year-old open pace.
Purse \$225,000 E (\$200,000 A).

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Three-year-old open trot.
Purse \$700,000 E (\$425,000 A).



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Three Diamonds

Two-year-old filly pace.
Purse \$425,000 E (\$50,000 A).

Goldsmith Maid

Two-year-old filly trot.
Purse \$465,000 E (\$50,000 A).

Battle of Waterloo

Ontario Sired Two-year-old open pace.
Purse \$200,000 E Final (\$90,000 A).

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Ontario Sired Two-year-old filly pace.
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Pinky Tuscadero Hopes To Tell Foes To “Sit On It”

Aaaaaay! Look who’s racing at Woodbine Racetrack Friday night: Pinky Tuscadero, who starts from post 7 in Friday night’s lone \$18,000 division of the second leg of the Ontario Girls Series for 4-year-old pacing mares.

A daughter of Artistic Fella, Pinky Tuscadero carries the name of the girlfriend of the legendary character Arthur “Fonzie” Fonzarelli on the classic TV show Happy Days. Out of the \$222,237-winning Camluck mare Cassidy Seelster, Pinky Tuscadero is a homebred of trainer Mark Horner and his wife, Stephanie.

Stephanie Horner said while Pinky Tuscadero is named after a character on one of her all-time favorite TV shows, it wasn’t her initial intention.

“On the right night with the right flow, it will work out.”

—Mark Horner

“I named her that because I had always wanted a horse named ‘Pinky,’” she explained. “When she was a baby she was a tough girl. She was weaned with a colt and she beat him

up. So I tried to think of who the toughest person named Pinky is that I know of. And it’s Fonzie’s girlfriend. So she is named after Fonzie’s girlfriend because she is tough as nails, just like Pinky Tuscadero was.”

Pinky Tuscadero comes into Friday’s race off a late-closing third-place finish in one of two divisions of the opening round of the Ontario Girls Series. With Mark Horner’s brother Mike in the sulky, Pinky Tuscadero found herself 10 lengths behind at the opening quarter but after working her way forward with cover, she finished just 1 ¾ lengths behind the 1:54-winning Much Adoo, who is sitting out this week.

“She doesn’t have a lot of gate speed and comes off a helmet real good,” Mark Horner explained of Pinky Tuscadero’s come-from-behind preference. “We over-raced her a little bit a few times and it didn’t work out for the best. On a half-mile track she can get out of there, but at Woodbine you don’t necessarily have to be near or on the lead. On the right night with the right flow, it will work out.”

Pinky Tuscadero is listed as the 6-1 fourth choice on the morning line, with favoritism going to Amazing Control, who starts from post 1 after capturing her respective Ontario Girls division last time out in 1:55.1.

After going unraced at two, Pinky Tuscadero’s 3-year-old season in 2015 got underway—after being scratched a couple of times because of weather conditions—on a fast note with a 2:06h victory on Feb. 17 at Western Fair. She stretched her win streak to three before finishing second.

“She was on the small side so we broke her and turned her out,” remembered Horner, who trains on his own farm in St. Marys, Ont. “I had quite a few other babies we were going with, so I just wanted to let her grow. We trained her in the spring and through the summer and got her ready for the wintertime.”

Pinky Tuscadero was ultra-consistent throughout her sophomore campaign, which finished with a ledger of 34-8-6 and \$65,536 in earnings. She took her mark of 1:54.4h on Nov. 4 at Flamboro Downs.

Pinky Tuscadero concluded her sophomore season with starts in the Autumn and Niagara Series at Woodbine. She was runner-up in both the \$28,350 Autumn final and the \$24,048 Niagara final.

“She has a real nice gait and a big heart; she’s a lot like her mother that way,” said Horner. “She’s a real pleasure to be around and hopefully it will be on to bigger and better things.”

The Horners also now have a Sportswriter yearling colt they’ve named Fonzarelli.

“Shannon ‘Sugar’ Doyle, the announcer at Western Fair, absolutely loves Pinky; I think she’s his favorite horse because he says her name a lot,” added Stephanie Horner. “He said I had to name one Fonzie. I didn’t want to name one out of the same mare because Pinky and Fonzie were boyfriend/girlfriend (on Happy Days).”

Mark Horner said following the Ontario Girls Series, Pinky Tuscadero is eligible to the HIPBet.com series that gets underway on March 4. If Pinky Tuscadero should win both finals, it would certainly be a nice “exactamundo” for the Horners.—By Gordon Waterstone

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Brittany Farms Sells Acreage, Buys Other Land

Brittany Farms owner George Segal announced Thursday that a significant portion of the acreage that comprises Brittany Farms has been sold to Maurice Regan of New York.

Regan's purchase of 565 acres still leaves Brittany with 271 acres, and, according to farm manager Art Zubrod, that's exactly what the farm needs at the present time to accommodate



Brittany Farms welcomed this week the first foal out of the 2014 Hambletonian Oaks champion Lifetime Pursuit. Born on Jan. 31, the colt is a son of 2009 Horse of the Year and Hambletonian champ Muscle Hill.

both its horses and its business plan.

"Our broodmare band will be somewhere in the range of 45-55 mares by the end of the year. We have gotten to the point that we simply don't need that many acres to support our herd," Zubrod said.

The current 271 acres of Brittany Farms includes 121 acres that the farm purchased just recently a few miles south of the main farm, which is located on Pisgah Pike in Versailles, Ky.

"The new farm we purchased will be used primarily for raising yearlings and for turnouts," Zubrod said.

"It has some nice improvements on

it, but will also need some additional structures. We shed-raise all of our horses, so we'll need to build four yearling sheds immediately. We'll also need to build a good number of support structures such as a hay storage building, maintenance shop, and shed.

"We still have the 150 acres of great pasture on Pisgah Pike, and that will be primarily for broodmares," he added.

The original 411 acres of what was to become Brittany Farms was purchased by Segal from noted breeder William R. Shehan in December of 1985. Subsequent acquisitions had seen the farm grow to 715 acres before the recent transactions.

The Brittany broodmare band, which has produced numerous world champions and Horses of the Year, had grown to about 150 mares just a few years ago.

Segal said that he wants to make everyone aware that Brittany Farms is still in business, and will continue to breed, raise and sell champion Standardbreds.

"I have been in this business as an owner since 1974 but as an enthusiast for a lot longer. I am still an enthusiast. However, I am also 77 years old and some prudent planning is in order," Segal said.

"Art, Leah (Zubrod's wife and Brittany office manager) and I discussed the future of the farm and came up with a plan. One of the major aspects of the plan was the care our racehorses receive after their two year old campaign. So many young horses are never as good after their first year of racing, but I always felt that ours most often came back even better," he continued.

According to Segal, Brittany Farms is very pleased to be able to keep their longtime crew together. In addition to the

Zubrods, Patty and Dale Logan and foaling man Bill Walker all have been with the farm since the mid to late '80s.

Also staying on are the office staff of Donna Schulte and Mary Sewell, both employees of over 20 years, and Stephanie Ball, who has been with Brittany Farms for seven years. *(Brittany Farms)*

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Do you want to be a co-owner of the 2015 Horse of the Year Wiggle It Jiggleit, a career winner of more than \$2.2 million? You can, via a unique partnership offering by owner George Teague Jr.'s Teague Racing Partnership LLC.

"I said I'd sell part of Wiggle It Jiggleit to see if new people will get interested in the game, and also have a little bit of fun," explained Teague about selling shares in the now 4-year-old gelding pacer whose 22 wins last year include the Meadowlands Pace, Little Brown Jug, Battle of the Brandywine and Hempt Memorial.

The partnership is being coordinated by longtime Teague associate Jim Bernstein, also a co-breeder of Wiggle It Jiggleit. Bernstein told Weekend Preview that the price for each member share is \$15,000, with a maximum of five shares per partner. Bernstein said the number of individual shares is capped at 50, and some are already sold, including two to Thoroughbred interests.

As a bonus, each share includes an interest in Wiggle It Jiggleit's 3-year-old full sister Mozzi Minaj, the 2015 Ohio Sires Stakes champion 2-year-old filly pacer Miss Me Yet, and two to-be-determined 2 year olds in the Teague Stable

"I've been around for a long time and I've never seen a partnership offering of a horse of his caliber. This is unprecedented!"

—Jim Bernstein

"I've been around for a long time and I've never seen a partnership offering of a horse of his caliber," said Bernstein. "This is unprecedented. Remember, George turned down many, many requests from people wanting to buy into Wiggleit going back to last February."

Bernstein said he has worked out approximate percentages of each horse if all 50 shares are sold.

"My goal is to own 20-25 percent of Wiggle It Jiggleit, 30 percent of his sister, 30 percent of Miss Me Yet, and 30 percent of each of the 2 year olds," he said.

Bernstein added that those who purchase shares won't see any bills for at least two years.

"I take 30 percent of the accrued capital we bring in and I hold it back for bills, so partners don't have to pay any bills for a minimum of two years," explained Bernstein. "I will pay out quarterly. I will give the owners a choice: We can leave it in the kitty and we might see a horse that we want to buy into, or you can take your capital out. I will leave it up to them and majority rules."

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Prix d’Amerique Champ Bold Eagle Leads Prix de France Field

The draw for the upcoming Grand Prix de France on Sunday afternoon (Feb. 14) at Vincennes was made on Thursday morning and Prix d’Amerique champion is in the field. As was the case in the Prix d’Amerique, he will be facing Timoko, the runner-up in the Prix and last fall’s Yonkers International Trot. Bold Eagle drew post 8, outside the second favorite, Timoko.

A field of 16 trotters will race in the Grand Prix de France, which is started with the horses in two tiers behind an American-style starting gate.

The field includes the U.S.-bred Vanity Matters, who took a mark of 1:53 last year at the Meadowlands for trainer Jonas Czernyson and finished second in the Kentucky Filly Futurity. The mare is now trained in France and owned by Jean Pierre Barjon’s Meaulnes. Barjon made a big splash in the American trotting scene in 2011 when he bought the broodmare Graceful Touch in Harrisburg for \$560,000. He has since sold the mare.

PRIX DE FRANCE

Hippodrome de Vincennes, Paris, France; Sunday, Feb. 14; Race 4; Purse: €450,000; Distance: 1,200 meters (approx. 1 5/16ths mile)

No.—HORSE <i>(Age, Sex, Sire-Dam-Sire of dam)</i>	Driver
1—TIEGO D’ETANG <i>(9h, Chaillot-Harolene)</i>	C. Bigeon
2—PASCIA LEST <i>(7h, Varenne-Superiors Sun)</i>	R. Andregretti
3—UNIVERS DE PAN <i>(8h, Kenya du Pont-Gypsilore)</i>	P. Daugeard
4—VOLTIGEUR DE MYRT <i>(7h, Opus Viervil-Myrtille des Bois)</i>	G. Gelormini
5—KADETT C.D. <i>(9h, Scarlet Knight-Kiss Of Life)</i>	R. Bergh
6—OASIS BI <i>(8h, Toss Out-Up Front JM)</i>	F. Ouvrie
7—TIMOKO <i>(9h, Imoko-Kiss Me Coulonces)</i>	B. Goop
8—BOLD EAGLE <i>(5h, Ready Cash-Reethi Rah Jet)</i>	F. Nivard
9—UN MEC D’HERIPRE <i>(8h, Orlando Vici-I Love You Darling)</i>	J.M. Bazire
10—SOLEA RIVELLIERE <i>(10m, Calife des Noues-Heloa Rivelliere)</i>	S. Olivier
11—LIONEL <i>(6h, Look de Star-Aurora Sign)</i>	O. Kihlstrom
12—VANITY MATTERS <i>(5m, Explosive Matter-Vanity Plates)</i>	P. Levesque
13—ANNA MIX <i>(6m, Ludo de Castelle-Ires)</i>	P. Vercruysee
14—BIRD PARKER <i>(5h, Ready Cash-Belisha)</i>	J.P. Monclin
15—TREBOL <i>(9h, Hot Blues-Sally Can Wait)</i>	G.A. Pou Pou
16—VAILLANT CASH <i>(7m, Offshore Dream-Kara du Redon)</i>	D. Thomain

Ice Cold Weaver Exacta In Super Bowl

Thirty-one horsemen and race officials provided their picks for Super Bowl 50 for last week’s Weekend Preview, and it’s obvious that most need to stick to harness racing. Just 11 correctly predicted the Denver Broncos would beat the Carolina Panthers, with props going to owner Mark Weaver for coming the closest to naming the final score of 24-10.

Weaver went with the Broncos winning 24-17. Close on Weaver’s heels was his brother Dave, who is a host on the TVG racing network, who had the Broncos winning 23-15. We hope Dave celebrated his 42nd birthday on Friday a few days early with a big cash on the Broncos.

Others coming close with their pick of the Broncos were Joe Holloway (21-17), Sam McKee (24-20) and Tom Kelley (24-21). George Brennan, Dave Brower, John Campbell, Roger Huston, Jennifer Starr and Scott Zeron also sided with the Broncos. A shout-out has to go to Brennan, who noted in his comment that the last score would be a Peyton Manning pass. Brennan was correct—technically—as the last score was a Manning pass for a successful two-point conversion that capped off the scoring.

We also have to feel bad for owner-breeder Andrew Cohen, who resides in Colorado. Cohen said while his heart was with his hometown Broncos, he picked Carolina. Cohen felt so guilty he deemed it necessary to be among the throng of people at the airport in the early hours of Monday welcoming home the newly-crowned Super Bowl champs.

Also, since Pacey Mindlin was compelled to also tout a horse at Miami Valley on Saturday night, we should let you know that Mykindachip finished second by a neck. But we appreciate Pacey giving out those 2-5s!

Most of those who picked the Panthers also predicted a blow-out. Licking their wounds the most from their Super Bowl handicapping has to be Dave Bianconi and Ron Burke. Bianconi called it 41-10 for the Panthers while Burke had the Panthers winning 43-10. But the pair showed their class and graciousness in defeat by answering every question thrown at them in the post-game press conference.

In making his comments, Bianconi, the executive vice president of racing at Northfield Park in Cleveland, noted his prior worst prediction was that the Browns drafting of quarterback Johnny Manziel in 2014 would be the greatest thing since sliced bread and would lead to a dynasty.

And if you’re wondering how last year’s Super Bowl champion handicapper Yannick Gingras did this time around, he had the Panthers winning 41-24. It was a complete reversal of fortune from 2015 when he hit the score on the head.

There was overwhelming demand to be included in this year’s Super Bowl picks, and we’ve already heard from some people who want to be part of the fun in 2017. One omission this year was owner Myron Bell, who is assured a spot for Super Bowl 51, especially considering he said he not only picked the Broncos to win, but that he also nearly had the score perfect. — *By Gordon Waterstone*



Handicapping the O'Brien Awards

On Saturday night in Mississauga, Ont., the 27th O'Brien Awards will honor the best in Canadian harness racing from the past year. For those who can't attend the black-tie Awards dinner in person, the presentations will be streamed live on www.standardbredcanada.ca starting around 9 p.m. (EST).

Handicapping the O'Brien Awards can be a tough task. Every media person across Canada who covers harness racing on a regular basis is eligible to vote, as are all Canadian race secretaries and track publicists. This means that, with personal preferences at play, predicting how O'Brien voters will cast their ballots is more of an art than a science.

Would-be prognosticators need to keep one key factor in mind—the O'Brien Awards are uniquely Canadian. This year's winners will not necessarily have notched the best seasonal wins tally, earned the most money, or collected the most prestigious race trophies. What they will have done is made the greatest contribution to Canadian racing in 2015. Canadian-bred horses, especially those campaigned by Canadians, will have an edge over U.S. horse and it's this "Canadian factor" that influences my picks for the winners of this year's O'Brien:

2FP – LA Delight vs. Twin B Thong

Winner: LA Delight. LA Delight has a slightly slower time mark of 1:51.2, but it was earned in an Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final. She also sports an 11-for-12 win record with \$740,000 in earnings.

2CP – Betting Line vs. Control The Moment

Winner: Control The Moment. Betting Line might have an all-Canadian ownership roster, but Canadian-trained Control The Moment bested many of North America's most talented pacing colts with a 1:49.4 victory in the Metro Pace at Mohawk.

3FP – Solar Sister vs. Wrangler Magic

Winner: Solar Sister. Both fillies had very similar season earnings, but Gregg McNair-trainee Solar Sister has eight wins to the Stephane Laroque-trained Wrangler Magic's four.

3CP – Artspeak vs. Wakizashi Hanover

Winner: Wakizashi Hanover. Even though Artspeak's time mark is a sizzling 1:47.4, Wakizashi Hanover won the Pepsi North America Cup (in 1:48). Enough said.

OMP – Lady Shadow vs. Venus Delight

Winner: Lady Shadow. Co-owned by a Canadian, Lady Shadow scored back-to-back wins in a career topping 1:48.3 when she won the elimination and final of the Roses Are Red at Mohawk.

OHP – All Bets Off vs. State Treasurer

Winner: State Treasurer. Dr. Ian Moore (a nominee for this year's O'Brien Award of Horsemanship) trains this winner of nine races in 2015. It doesn't hurt that one of those first-place finishes was in Canada's oldest stakes event—the Canadian Pacing Derby.

2FT – All The Time vs. Caprice Hill

Winner: Caprice Hill. This is a case where Canadian contribution should win out. Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final winner Caprice Hill was never worse than third and had a five-race win streak in 10 season starts.

2CT – Southwind Frank vs. Tony Soprano

Winner: Tony Soprano. Sure the Ron Burke-trained Southwind Frank was only beaten once in 12 races in 2015, but Tony Soprano is Canadian-trained, purely Canadian-owned, and was an Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final winner.

3FT – Mission Brief vs. Wild Honey

Winner: Mission Brief. The millionaire sophomore won 10 races in 2015, including an elimination and final of the Elegantimage Stakes at Woodbine.

3CT – Pinkman vs. The Bank

Winner: The Bank. Of the two Takter-trained colts, Pinkman is North America's richest trotter in 2015, but The Bank's Breeders Crown win is still fresh.

OMT – Bee A Magician vs. Shake It Cerry

Winner: Bee A Magician. Horse of the Year in 2013, the Ontario-sired Bee A Magician won 10 races (including a spectacular victory in the Maple Leaf Trot) and \$1.1 million in 2015.

OHT – Daylon Magician vs. Resolve

Winner: Daylon Magician. The Canadian-owned and Canadian-bred son of Kadabra won seven starts on the WEG circuit. That's a "Canadian trifecta."

Horse of the Year Winner: In a purely sentimental move I'd love to go with Daylon Magician since his breeders-owners are my longtime neighbors. Logic says Wakizashi Hanover is a more likely candidate.

Driver – Sylvain Filion vs. Randy Waples

Winner: Waples. Although Filion leads all Canadian drivers in the wins column, and recorded his 8,000th driving victory in 2015, you can't overlook Waples' stellar night when he won the Metro Pace, the Canadian Pacing Derby, and She's A Great Lady.

Trainer – Richard Moreau vs. Jimmy Takter

Winner: Moreau. This is a repeat of last year's Trainer of the Year contest that was won by Moreau. Takter did have a dominant 2015 season topped by a tremendous Breeders Crown night (held on Canadian soil). Moreau is second behind Takter in earnings but leads all Canadian trainers in wins.

Andrea Pietrzak was on the staff of the Canadian Sportsman magazine for 10 years until leaving to complete her education. She currently lives in London, Ont.

Boni Joins Goshen Yearling Sale; Hanover Sending Consignment

Bob Boni, president of Northwood Bloodstock Agency and well known in harness racing from his many years as a yearling sale consultant and bloodstock agent and owner, has joined the Goshen Yearling Sale as its president.

In addition, Hanover Shoe Farms will offer a large consignment of yearlings at the 2016 edition of the Goshen Yearling Sale, which will be held Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Mark Ford Training Center in Middletown, N.Y., near historic Goshen.

"We had a great inaugural sale and we really wanted to take the sale to the next level, and bringing Bob on board, and the addition of a consignment from Hanover Shoe Farms, will certainly help us achieve that goal," said Ford, a principal in the sale company as well as the host. "You can't do any better than to get a guy with Bob's experience, expertise and integrity and Hanover's position as the sport's leading breeder speaks for itself."

The Goshen Yearling Sale was created in 2015 because of the lack of an early-fall yearling sale with the proximity to many of the richest racing programs. Last year 113 yearlings were sold at the inaugural edition, generating gross sales of \$1.4 million.

"I attended the inaugural sale last year and was very impressed with the facility and what it had to offer. I am very excited about the potential of this sale going forward and the addition of a consignment from Hanover Shoe Farms immediately adds to the impact and appeal of the sale," said Boni of joining the organization. "I believe we have a sale that will offer many opportunities to a variety of buyers and consignors and I look forward to working with Mark Ford, Tom Grossman and Joe Thomson along with Chris Tully."

Hanover Shoe Farms will join Thomson's Winbak Farms and Grossman's Blue Chip Farms in offering consignments at the Goshen Yearling Sale.

"I think this is a good venue and good timing," said Hanover president and CEO Jim Simpson of sending a consignment to Goshen. "I think our consignment will fit in very well. We plan to sell in the neighborhood of 40 yearlings at this sale, and there will be a mix of Pennsylvania and New York-sired yearlings."

Simpson added that Hanover will sell approximately 270 yearlings at 2016 yearling sales, and is limited to around 220 at the annual Standardbred Horse Sale Company in Harrisburg.

For more information about the Goshen Yearling Sale, contact Bob Boni at bob.boni@goshenyearlingsale.com or phone 201.863.2082.



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Breeders Crown Returns To Meadowlands In 2016

The Breeders Crown, harness racing's annual year-end series of 12 championship events, valued at \$5.8 million, returns to longtime partner track the Meadowlands for 2016.

For the first time in its 42-year history, the Meadowlands will race Standardbred cards in September and October, setting the stage for optimum dates for the Breeders Crown events. The state-of-the-art grandstand built by Jeff Gural opened in November, 2013 and hosted all 12 Breeders Crown events in November of 2014. The one-mile oval in East Rutherford, N.J., will have hosted 91 Breeders Crown races—more than any other single racetrack.

"The Meadowlands has been an extraordinary host to some of the best racing in the world for more than four decades," said Tom Charters, president and CEO of the Hambletonian Society, which owns and administers the Breeders Crown. "Our partnership with Jeff Gural and his management team and the Standardbred Breeders and Owners of New Jersey continues to carry that legacy forward."

The Breeders Crown, usually the deciding event in year-end honors, will feature the four open events on Friday, Oct. 28. The eight freshmen and sophomore races will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29.

Breeders Crown 2-year-old races are the richest offered in the division, with \$600,000 finals in each gait and gender. Eliminations for all events, if needed, would be held the prior week. Payments for the 2016 Breeders Crown program commence Feb. 15, and all information can be found at http://www.hambletonian.org/staking/breeders_crown.html.

"It is always an honor for the Meadowlands to host the Breeders Crown, harness racing's year-end championship event," said Jason M. Settlemoir, Meadowlands CEO and general manager. "We have a very long and positive relationship with the Hambletonian Society and it is only fitting for the Breeders Crown to be raced on the sport's greatest stage. We are looking forward to hosting two of the most exciting nights of racing and expect to see more performances that will go down in the history books."

The 2015 Breeders Crown night hosted by Woodbine Entertainment Group in Toronto at Woodbine Racetrack generated a Canadian Standardbred record handle of \$5,748,950 for the 13-race card.

Hoosier Park, home of Standardbred racing in Indiana, will host their first ever Breeders Crown events in the fall of 2017. The seven-eighths mile track, which opened in Anderson in 1994, and is now owned by Centaur Gaming, was awarded all 12 championship races, becoming the 31st racetrack to host the "Crown."

"The Breeders Crown series, the horsemen, owners, fans and racetracks benefit in every way by rotating among the best tracks in North America," Charters stated. (*Breeders Crown*)

Hall of Famer William Weaver III Dies

Hall of Famer William B. Weaver III, who bred influential trotting sire Valley Victory as well as several division champions, died Wednesday, Feb. 10. He was 79.

Mr. Weaver owned horses since the late 1960s, finishing second with The Prophet in the 1969 Hambletonian. He made his mark as a breeder in 1988 when his Valley Victory won the Breeders Crown and the Dan Patch Award as the 2-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year. Valley Victory won 11 of 14 lifetime races before being retired at age 3 because of illness. His offspring include Hambletonian winning colts Victory Dream and Muscles Yankee as well as filly Continental Victory. Victory Dream and Muscles Yankee also produced Hambletonian winners, with Muscles Yankee sons Deweycheatumnhowe, Muscle Hill and Muscle Massive and winning the sport's top trotting race in consecutive years (2008-10).

In 2012, the Mr. Weaver-bred colt trotter Wheeling N Dealin and filly trotter To Dream On were Breeders Crown winners and divisional 2-year-old champions, a feat last accomplished 22 years prior.

Other notable horses bred by Mr. Weaver and his Valley High Stable include U.S. and/or Canadian division champions Chocolatier, Laddie, Was It A Dream, plus millionaire trotting mare Elusive Desire. Others include Fun And Strokes, Sugar Trader, Juliet's Fate, Quick Credit, Count The Goal, China Princess and Pampered Princess.

Mr. Weaver was inducted into harness racing's Hall of Fame in Goshen, N.Y., in 2014. Introduced by fellow Hall of Famer Bill O'Donnell at the induction ceremony, Mr. Weaver remarked, "I am humbled, happy and surprised to be here today." He then added, "I know the reason I'm here is because of Valley Victory."

Mr. Weaver reminded his audience that Valley Victory was the first horse he bred, and he recalled the serendipity of his decision. He had only one broodmare and for a reason unbeknownst to him, he was on a mailed solicitation to buy a share in the new stallion Baltic Speed. He and his close friend and trainer Vernon Dancer purchased the share in the stallion 50-50 and Weaver began breeding horses under the banner of Valley High Stable.

As for his accomplishments as a breeder, Mr. Weaver candidly said, "It's a crapshoot. I don't want to tell anybody to get in the breeding business. I take pride in it, but no responsibility."

A memorial service will be held at Higgins Memorial Home, 20 Center St., Freehold, N.J. 07728 on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 2-4 p.m.

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Hawthorne Meet Finishes With Flourish

After a seven-year absence from the harness racing scene at Hawthorne Race Course the trotters and pacers returned to the Stickney spa for a short four-week meet which kicked off on Jan. 8. If the numbers that were put up are a sign of things to come racing fans will be in for a treat when the Standardbreds return to Hawthorne in May for an extended five-month meet.

With Mother Nature cooperating and fans throughout the country embracing the very competitive racing, the 22-card meet averaged more than \$916,000 on the mainly 10-race programs with \$50,000 of that total coming on track. Those numbers far exceeded management's expectations lending further hope for a very successful summer meeting.

"The support we received from everywhere around the country was just tremendous," said publicity director and racing analyst Jim Miller. "I would also like to thank TVG Network for all the support they gave us showing every card from start to finish. That is something we haven't had for harness racing here in Illinois and that had a great impact on the handle."

Longshot players enjoyed the non-stop action at Hawthorne as favorites clicked at less than a 36-percent clip. There were several \$100-plus win mutuels throughout the meet with the highlight being the \$110,906 payout in the 20 cent Jackpot High Five on Friday, Jan. 29.

The horsemen certainly did their part to support the product as well filling the entry box night after night for racing secretary Peter Hanley. The meet featured three 11-horse fields, 174 ten-horse fields, 36 nine-horse fields, 12 eight-horse fields, and just one seven-horse field and one six-horse field.

"Considering the fact this was my first time working in the Chicago market the horsemen were just super to work with," said Hanley. "I really think we developed a great relationship with them and we did our best to get everyone raced as much as possible. It's pretty amazing when you can say that 97 percent of your races featured full fields." (*Hawthorne*)

Trackman Wolff Returns To Hoosier Park

Hoosier Park Racing & Casino is pleased to announce that veteran trackman Gary Wolff has recently been named track superintendent and will return to Hoosier Park for the 2016 live harness racing season that commences on April 1. Wolff previously held the position of track superintendent at Hoosier Park in 2008 before most recently serving as track superintendent at the Meadowlands.

Wolff brings more than 40 years of experience in the horse racing industry and nearly 25 as a track superintendent to his position at Hoosier Park. Acting as superintendent, Wolff will be in charge of the condition of the racing surface as well as overseeing the entire track operations and staff.

Wolff began his career at Buffalo Raceway, where he worked from 1974 until 1992, concluding that time as track

superintendent. He previously served as track superintendent at Freehold Raceway (1999-2008) and Garden State Park (1992-1999) along with working as a consultant for the 2008 Breeders Cup and Haskell Invitational at Monmouth Park. (*Hoosier Park*)

PHHA Urges Out-Of-Competition Testing

The Pennsylvania Harness Horsemen's Association, in collaboration with fellow horsemen's organizations, the PA Department of Agriculture, and legislative leaders, has developed proposed legislation initiating out-of-competition testing for illegal drugs such as Epogen, under the jurisdiction of the Racing Commissions.

Once in effect, it will provide for the added ability of the Commissions to detect unauthorized or prohibited drug administration to racehorses throughout the Commonwealth.

"We urge the legislature and governor to act promptly so that testing may begin as soon as practically possible," said Sam Beegle, President of the PHHA. "This underlines our longstanding condemnation of this practice, as well as our endorsement for the severest penalties."

It is the latest in the association's efforts to protect equine health and welfare and enhance the sport's integrity.

Between 2013 and 2015, the PHHA contributed approximately \$600,000 toward the purchase of equipment used by the New Bolton Center at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine for cobalt testing and to research protein-based drugs and peptides. Prior gifts have contributed to the development of a pre-race cardiovascular monitoring protocol, new drug testing protocols and a comprehensive set of guidelines for administering therapeutic medications to equine athletes. (*PHHA*)

Gillock To Fill USTA Seat Of Dunn

The District 7 directors of the U.S. Trotting Association announced Wednesday that Meadows Standardbred Owners Association president and trainer Rich Gillock will replace Walter L. "Boots" Dunn on the USTA Board of Directors.

Gillock will serve out the remainder of Dunn's term that expires in 2017. Dunn, who died on Feb. 3, had been a USTA director since 1987.

"It will be a tough job replacing 'Boots,'" said District 7 chairman Sam Beegle, "but we think that Richie is up to the challenge."

Gillock has been involved with the MSOA for more than 20 years, joining the Board of Directors in 1994. He is serving as the group's president for the second time. The Belle Vernon, Pa., native has raced throughout North America, but has based his operation at The Meadows throughout his career, supporting not only Pennsylvania's pari-mutuel tracks, but the fair circuit as well. (with files from MSOA)

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Lonewolf Currier Tops Blooded Horse Sale

In spite of the cold, bidding was hot for racehorses and broodmares at the 53rd annual Winter Blooded Horse Sale in Delaware, Ohio. Classy Open pacer Lonewolf Currier topped the two-day sale at \$37,000. Consigned by Rene Al-lard, the handsome son of The Panderosa was purchased by Frenchy Fuller of Ohio. Hot on his heels was the striking brown trotter Marzipan at \$31,000. Consigned by Mark Goldberg, agent, the ultra-consistent son of Chocolatier was hammered down to Frank Chick of Delaware.

Spring Haven Farm was the consigning agent on a pair of popular pacers from Pompano Park. Both solid conditioned competitors, Manhattan Benn was purchased by A Piece Of The Action of California for \$24,000 and Sir Jake's Z Tam went to Robert Lasky, agent for \$15,000. The winning \$17,000 conditioned claiming trotter Charming Charlie moved to Joe Seekman's barn on a \$19,000 bid.

Good broodmares were in equally high demand with the Deweycheatumnhowe filly Affair Hall topping that division at \$35,000. In foal to Uncle Peter, the granddaughter of the great Amour Angus was purchased by Rob McNiven of Canada. White Birch Farm sent a nice consignment that was led by Delighted Again, in foal to A Rocknroll Dance, for \$18,000. Larry Miller of Ohio signed the ticket for the Bettor's Delight mare. A pair of half-sisters to My Little Dragon, Pretty Major and My Little Art, went respectively to Kenneth Slabach and Jim Ladwig for \$17,000 each. (*Blooded Horse Sale*)

Partners "Crazy" About Coffee Addict

When Jim Clarke Sr. invited longtime friend Andy Altobelli to join him in buying a yearling a little more than four years ago, he set their budget at \$35,000. After Clarke exceeded that number by two grand to purchase female pacer Coffee Addict at the 2011 Standardbred Horse Sale, he joked the toughest part of the day was calling Altobelli with the news.

"I was quite happy, but the hardest thing for me was telling Andy that I had to go a little bit above what we intended to spend," Clarke said, adding with a laugh. "He said don't worry about it, that's all right. I said, 'good.'

"We've been crazy about her ever since. She's a really nice mare."

Now a 6 year old, Coffee Addict has won 23 races and earned \$463,779 during her career. Clarke has owned horses off and on since the late 1970s, but Coffee Addict was Altobelli's first racehorse.

"Maybe it was just beginner's luck," said Altobelli, a 63-year-old pharmacist and pharmacy owner from York County, Pa. "She was just a good horse right from the get-go."

Coffee Addict, a daughter of Dragon Again out of the mare Kahlua Queen, wasn't on Clarke's list of horses when he went to the auction. Clarke attended the sale with Zan "Pete" Kaiser and Kaiser's son, Zach, and Pete suggested

Clarke take a look at the filly after Clarke was unsuccessful in buying several other horses. Kaiser was unfamiliar with Coffee Addict, but had seen her full brother Mudslide race recently and thought he was a nice colt.

"When I got back to see her, she was being prepped to go up to the ring," Clarke said. "I looked at her and couldn't see a pimple on her. Then I sat down in a chair and just watched her demeanor for about 20 minutes. She stood perfectly. She didn't even flick her ear. She was just so attentive. She was showing me that she was a smart horse. She had a head on her shoulders.

"I thought I had to buy her. I was so glad Pete suggested I go back and look. I probably wouldn't have looked at her going through the ring."

Kaiser trained Coffee Addict through the middle of her 3-year-old season, when she moved to trainer Bruce Saunders and captured a Keystone Classic division at The Meadows in 2013 and later became a top performer in the Fillies & Mares Open Handicap ranks at Yonkers Raceway.

Last September, Coffee Addict joined the stable of trainer Norm Parker at The Meadows. She has raced almost exclusively at the western Pennsylvania oval since then, winning seven of 17 starts and hitting the board a total of 14 times. She currently has back-to-back wins in the top-level handicap division for filly and mare pacers at The Meadows.

The 76-year-old Clarke is the retired former owner of a chain of building supply/home improvement centers in southcentral Pennsylvania. He also worked for 84 Lumber for a number of years prior to starting his own business. He was hired at 84 Lumber in 1966 by company founder Joe Hardy and went on to manage several stores.

Altobelli grew up in New Jersey, but spent time as a teenager helping out at his grandfather's dairy farm in Bedford County, Pa. In 1985, Altobelli bought his own farm in Pennsylvania and raises beef cattle in addition to working as a pharmacist. His interest in harness racing was fueled in part by living near renowned breeding facility Hanover Shoe Farms, as well as his own interest in breeding and genetics.

Clarke and Altobelli own three more horses together now: 5-year-old female pacer Adelita Hanover, 4-year-old female pacer Picksync Hanover, and 2-year-old male pacer Gossip Boy (who is a half-brother to millionaire McCedes).

"It's a great partnership," Clarke said. "I don't know where it will go, but I'll be doing it for as long as I can. For us to have a horse like Coffee Addict, it's meant a lot. I've gotten a lot of enjoyment and satisfaction out of her. It's just satisfying for us to have what we consider a pretty nice one for just two guys from the York County area." (*HRC*)

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Harness Racing Leaders

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Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

	Sts.	W	P	S	Earnings
Bushwacker (5pg)	6	5	0	1	\$71,100
Mustang Art (9pg)	6	3	1	0	51,450
Nickle Bag (6pg)	6	4	0	2	46,015
Bessie (5tm)	5	3	2	0	43,125
Regil Elektra (6pm)	5	3	0	0	41,760
Captive Audience (6ph)	6	1	3	1	40,325
Coffee Addict (6pm)	5	3	0	1	36,500
Money Maven (7tg)	4	3	1	0	35,600
Set Me Up (7pm)	6	2	2	1	35,125
Opulent Yankee (5tg)	5	2	1	1	34,250
Domedomedome (5tm)	5	3	1	0	32,538
Betit To Getit (6pm)	4	3	0	1	32,431
Bad Boy Matt (6pg)	5	1	2	1	32,295
Not Afraid (7tg)	4	2	0	0	32,000
Class Six (5pg)	5	4	0	0	31,360

Leading Money-Winning Drivers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UDR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Aaron Merriman	472	107-73-64	.358	\$656,184 (\$110,044)
Jason Bartlett	229	61-40-23	.397	637,398 (148,280)
Corey Callahan	317	49-52-45	.293	491,090 (75,706)
Tim Tetrick	244	50-37-30	.330	482,749 (135,641)
Dave Palone	241	56-32-27	.343	480,885 (91,583)
Jim Pantaleano	262	46-45-33	.313	476,771 (94,254)
Brian Sears	174	35-28-30	.348	461,761 (59,025)
George Brennan	208	30-28-27	.262	408,304 (63,455)
Allan Davis	310	36-48-42	.247	396,175 (39,715)
Tony Hall	295	39-38-29	.237	390,005 (86,825)
Mike Wilder	252	35-44-36	.284	368,257 (84,388)
Eric Goodell	244	35-34-38	.273	364,582 (65,778)
Tyler Buter	176	22-28-22	.255	334,432 (31,760)
Tony Morgan	237	49-35-23	.321	333,862 (55,935)
Josh Sutton	242	39-31-24	.265	328,591 (60,280)

Leading Money-Winning Trainers

	Sts.	W-P-S	UTR	Earnings (wk. diff)
Ron Burke	275	68-35-33	.358	\$694,055 (\$88,095)
Richard Banca	109	29-15-16	.391	250,033 (54,465)
Rene Allard	151	21-25-25	.286	237,946 (22,235)
Richard Moreau	137	23-17-13	.268	226,361 (44,579)
Carmen Auciello	163	23-27-21	.276	223,602 (30,471)
Dylan Davis	91	25-20-11	.437	205,094 (32,687)
Scott Di Domenico	79	19-14-12	.390	192,595 (56,200)
Julie Miller	47	16-7-6	.466	167,851 (33,936)
Norm Parker	67	14-13-8	.357	164,847 (30,206)
Jim King Jr.	86	12-11-19	.284	158,055 (29,806)
Jeff Bamond Jr.	78	11-8-7	.228	153,070 (31,860)
Virgil Morgan Jr.	105	16-12-11	.251	151,156 (9,490)
Mark Ford	104	12-6-15	.196	147,791 (32,610)
Tony O'Sullivan	49	13-6-5	.367	146,404 (29,220)
Wayne Givens	64	11-8-6	.273	139,620 (9,555)

Leading Breeders

Breeder	Starters	Winners	Wins	Earnings
Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.	399	127	161	\$1,279,755
Winbak Farm	388	106	141	1,016,684
Perretti Farms	128	41	55	453,003
Brittany Farms	115	31	36	421,892
Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc.	72	29	43	330,240
Bulletproof Enterprises	79	34	42	284,462
Kentuckiana Farms Gen Par	97	26	39	279,880
Seelster Farms Inc.	89	23	35	260,823
Frederick Hertrich III	68	15	19	211,209
White Birch Farm	60	16	24	209,602
Robert McIntosh Stables Inc.	60	24	33	193,906
Steve Stewart	53	17	23	180,429
Robert J. Key	53	16	22	163,848
Midland Acres Inc.	52	15	21	160,985
Arlene & Jules Siegel	45	10	14	158,891

Leaders Of The Week

Ranked by wins for Feb. 3-9 from results at major North American pari-mutuel tracks.

Drivers	Starts	W-P-S
Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	52	20-10-6
Alfred Carroll	54	17-7-9
Jason Bartlett	43	16-5-3
Aaron Merriman	85	15-16-10
Tim Tetrick	58	14-13-5
Bob McClure	44	11-8-10
Josh Sutton	46	11-3-3
David McNeight III	29	10-1-3
Jim Pantaleano	52	10-4-8
Mike Wilder	54	10-6-6
Tony Hall	52	10-7-7
Dave Palone	45	9-6-6
Eric Abbatiello	34	9-5-5
Casey Leonard	40	8-7-9
James Kennedy	20	8-2-2
Jason Merriman	51	8-5-8
Jeremy Smith	47	8-9-5
Jim Taggart Jr	34	8-5-4
Kurt Sugg	52	8-7-9
Phillip Hudon	37	8-2-4

Trainers	Wins
Richard Banca	7
Ron Burke	7
David McNeight Jr	6
Richard Moreau	6
Scott Di Domenico	6
Victor Puddy	5
C. Brian Loney	4
Dylan Davis	4
Gord McDonnell	4
Gordon Graham	4
James Ellison	4
Jeff Nisonger	4
Kimberly Asher	4
Mark Goldberg	4
Richard Johnson	4
Robert McIntosh	4
Steve Wiseman	4